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SUBJECT: Prof. Dr. Ferdinand DURCANSKY
(Home Phone #479833)

1. Personal Description:

Approx. Age:	Born circa 1912	Language Ability:	English,
Build :	Medium heavy		Slovakian,
Height :	5' 11"		Czech,
Weight :	185-190 lbs.		German,
Eyes :	Brown (?)		Italian,
Hair :	Solid black, receding slightly		Spanish,
Prominent			French & Latin.
features:	Black mustache, worn since Foreign Minister of Czecho-slovakia.		

Wife:	Approx. Age:	Born circa 1912	Language Ability:	
	Build :	Medium, plump		
	Height :	5' 10"		
	Weight :	150 lbs.	Same as husband,	short of English.
	Hair :	Dishwater blond		

Children:	1 Son born circa 1940.	Children speak some English, German,
	1 Daughter born circa 1943.	Spanish, Slovakian, and presumably Czech.

Resided in Bratislava prior to 1945.

well-guarded by numerous dogs

2. ~~XXXXXX~~ Presently live in Munich in duplex apartment type house, roughly 5 rooms, with one serving as one of his offices. ~~Office contains~~ He has another office on Dachauerstrasse. The files in his home contain: newspaper clippings from his activities as Foreign Minister showing trials, and headline activity; a geographical file of newspaper clippings (political ?); dossiers on contacts in ~~Czechoslovakia~~; personality files on contacts of the Slovakian emigre; SIS (Slovakian Information Service), published by Subject in Dachauerstrasse and distributed according to a restricted list; files of various overt intelligence summaries - England, Canada, France, etc. (de'Chauncey appears on English summaries published in London.); books on political scene from his time as Foreign Minister - Czechoslovakia, Austria and surrounding countries; publications he presented at Paris Peace Conference in 1949. (He went to the Peace Conference from Italy in uniform (?); miscellaneous files.

3. In general he substantiated known information regarding break with Nazi regime. In 1945: He left Slovakia for Rome, Italy via Austria, where he set up a 600-watt transmitter site supported by Slovakian Emigres in Italy. Left Italy for Argentina; returned to Italy; flew to Canada; returned to Argentina via the Azores. This was followed by his most recent visit to Munich.

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4. Present Activities:

- a. Publishes SIS.
- b. Maintains contact with ABN (Anti-Bolshevik Bloc Nations), presumably on Dachauerstrasse, in Europe.
- c. Leader of SOV.
- d. Publishes newspaper articles for Slovakian newspapers (Munich ?) which are infiltrated into the CSR accompanied by stamps dated 1939 for further forwarding within CSR (GPC type operation).
- e. Travels extensively in Germany, i.e., scheduled visit to Heidelberg on 27 April.
- f. No indication he presently running black radio but gave extensive dissertation on inadequacies of RFE and Radio Liberation. Annoyed that these two have not accepted his contributions. Discussed at great length his ability to set up a 600-1000 watt station to "do the job properly".

5. Contacts inside CSR:

Subject discussed at length. He did display briefly dossiers including photos of apparent assets in the CSR and indicated there were "methods of contacting these people".

6. Financial Support:

Journalistic activities, contributions within ABN, no indication direct U.S. support. Subject lives modestly, was very hospitable, no indication of anti-American sentiments, in fact, every indication they his last hope.

7. Emigration Plans:

Unidentified family in Los Angeles sponsoring his emigration to the United States. Has had quota number from Argentina since circa 1947. Fears he in U.S. disfavor because of "pro-Communist leanings". Wife and family anxious to emigrate to U.S. He resigned to fighting the cause in Europe if need be.

8. Contact with Slezak:

Contact originated when Subject sent Slezak congratulatory letter on his appointment as Under-secretary of Army. Slezak acknowledged same (apparently in writing), announced future plans of visiting Germany at which time he hoped to talk with Subject. Subsequent to this exchange of correspondence, Subject forwarded his anti-Communist plan to Slezak which lead to our involvement in this case. () (who represented himself as coming from Heidelberg) was queried as to knowledge of date of arrival of Slezak in Germany. () claimed no knowledge.

NOTE: It might be wise to inform USAREUR or the Department of Army that if Slezak does contemplate visiting West Germany he may be confronted with an attempt on Subject's part to arrange contact and subsequent meeting.

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9. Anti-Communist Plan:

This plan was discussed at great length. It included change of current U.S. policy toward Czechoslovakia, (i.e., probably independent Slovakia), that U.S. take aggressive action to include such activities as air drops of pamphlets, supplies, commo equipment, etc., to include preparations for early ~~making~~ warning type operations and that Subject be made coordinator of this effort. (HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!)

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